

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 and 23-46 are pending, with claims 1, 23, 32 and 39 being independent. Claims 1, 23, 32 and 39 have been amended. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration and allowance of the above-referenced application are respectfully requested.

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Examiner Huisman is thanked for the interview, which was conducted with Applicants' representative, Mr. Hunter, on June 7, 2005. During the interview, claims 1, 23, 32 and 39, and the Stark reference were discussed. In addition, various proposed claim amendments were also discussed. Agreement was reached that there are definite differences between the cited art and the present invention. Agreement was also reached that if the independent claims are amended to clarify that the selection confirmation occurs in a select loop before instructions are pulled from a register for actual execution (e.g., before the transition from cycle 2 to cycle 3 in figure 11B of the Stark reference), then such clarifying amendments would overcome the current rejection of these claims.

Independent claims 1, 23, 32 and 39 have been amended to clarify the claimed subject matter. In view of these amendments

and the arguments filed on April 11, 2005 with respect to claims 1-14 and 23-46, all of the claims are in condition for allowance.

In the event that the Examiner believes that this amendment does not place the application in condition for allowance, a telephonic interview to discuss claims 1-14 and 23-46, and the arguments presented, is respectfully requested. Please feel free to call Applicant's representative, Mr. Hunter, at 858-678-4707 to arrange a convenient time for such an interview.

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific issue or comment does not signify agreement with or concession of that issue or comment. Because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

It is respectfully suggested for all of these reasons, that the current rejection is totally overcome; that none of the cited art teaches or suggests the features which are now claimed, and therefore that all of these claims should be in

condition for allowance. A formal notice of allowance is thus respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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